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#### City Revamps Development Process

In an effort to provide better services to its residents and developers, the City of Rockville is revamping its development application and review process.

The changes, which began in February and are expected to take four to six months to complete, were the result of a three-day process re-engineering retreat attended by City staff. Most of the initial changes, however, will take place internally and will not be noticeable by the public.

"With all the recent development demands in the city including King Farm, Fallsgrove, and other in-fill development, we needed to take a fresh look at our processes and update them so they work for our customers," said City Manager Mark Pentz.

One of the processes to be updated is the Development Review Process. According to Bob Spalding, Rockville's Chief of Planning, the changes will make the development process work more smoothly for both residents and developers in Rockville.

For example, when residents want to build an addition to their existing house that needs a variance from zoning regulations, they will see new forms and procedures that will make the procedure more efficient. These changes will help them get their permit applications right the first time, saving them, and the City, time and effort.

For developers, the revamping also will focus on getting applications right the first time. Staff and applicants will quickly know about any potential issues and what continued on pg. 2...



### **MPR** is Here!

Mixed Paper Recycling . . . It's here! On March 6, Rockville will launch its mixed paper recycling (MPR) program in an effort to recycle 50 percent of the city's waste by the end of 2000.

"The Mayor and Council are concerned about the environment," explained Councilmember Bob Wright, "and this is the next step in making Rockville as environmentally aware as possible. It's important that our citizens be able to recycle as much as they can so that Rockville is doing its part in preserving our natural resources."

In the long run with the new recycling program, the City will be able to help reduce the need for landfills in the region, and ultimately, help in reducing the number of trees that will need to be cut down to make paper.

The new program is simple – just place your mixed paper in a paper bag or a small cardboard box next to your recycling bin on your recycling day. You'll be receiving a flier and a magnet at your door, and City refuse workers will place a bumper sticker on your recyling bin to help you remember what MPR items you can recycle.

Take a look at what's included in MPR:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- · Corrugated cardboard
- · Cereal and other boxes
- Telephone books
- Computer and office paper
- Newspaper insertsUnwanted mail
- Paperback books
- All other clean and dry paper

When preparing your recycling, you should flatten all your empty boxes and tie them with twine in a bundle that is no larger than three feet by three feet and no thicker than six inches in height. You also should combine all your mixed paper and place it in paper bags or in small cardboard boxes.

But not everything can be recycled. Here are some items that aren't part of MPR:

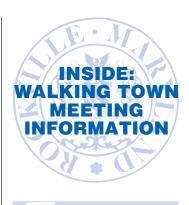
- Packing materials (such as Styrofoam or plastic)
- Food soiled paper (i.e., plastic or wax coated liners or pizza boxes)
- Wax paper, carbon paper, hardback books, and beverage containers (milk or juice cartons)
- Paper or cardboard that is contaminated with paint, chemicals, kitty litter, water, etc.
- Foil gift wrap, paper towels, napkins, or tissues

"Rockville residents do a good job now with recycling," said Hal Cranor,
Rockville's Director of Public Works. "With our new mixed paper recycling program, we would like to encourage them to take it a step further

Visit Rockville's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us for more information about MPR or call the City's Refuse Department.

and help us reach our goal."

CALL **301-309-3094** FOR MORE INFO



# Calendar of Events

City Events

3,4 National Chamber Orchestra; 8 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Juliette King, violin; \$31 (center), \$24 (side), and \$17 (far side); Call 301-762-8580

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit Opening; 1-4 p.m.; Rockville Student Art Show; Call 301-309-3354

Sunday Afternoon Concert; 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Glenview Mansion; The Musical Theater Center; Free; Call 301-309-3354

National Chamber Orchestra Piano
Recital; 8 p.m.; F. Scott
Fitzgerald Theatre; Marek
Zebrowski; \$16 (center),
\$12 (side), and \$8 (far side); Call 301-762-8580

Rockville Concert Band; 3 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Children's Concert; Free; Call 301-309-3340

For more information about City events, call 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks' programs, call 301-309-3340.

#### Imagine Rockville

Town Center Action Team; 7 p.m.; Red Brick Courthouse, Rm. G05

Diversity and the Arts Action Team; 12:30

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#### **Falls Road Bike Trail Discussed**



City Staff and residents of the Potomac Woods Citizens Association walk proposed alignments for the Falls Road Bike Path on February 5th.

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p.m.; El Mariachi Restaurant (765-C Rockville Pike); Call 301-738-7177 for directions

To join an Imagine Rockville Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

#### For Seniors

**1** Birthday Party; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #8536; Register by Feb. 23; Free

1,14,15
Blood Pressure Screening; 10 a.m.; Free

Veterans' Group; 10 a.m.; Virginia Long Term Care speaker, Carolyn Babich, Chief of Geriatric and Clinical Programs; Activity #8503; Free

Create a Welcome Spring Duo; 1 p.m.; Make a garden stake and door plaque; Activity #8518; Register by Feb. 17; \$14 members, \$20 non-members

Trip Registration; 10:15 a.m.

14 Natural History of East Africa; 10 a.m.; Activity #8513; Register by March 7; Free

15 Classical Music Appreciation; 1 p.m.; Activity #8524; Register by March 7; Free

15 For Women Only – Pelvic Floor Retraining; 1:15 p.m.; Free

Art Appreciation Slide/Lecture Series; 10:30 a.m.; Three-week series looking at Van Gogh, Degas at the Races, and Early Modernism 1900-1949; Activity #8511; Register by March 9; \$10 members, \$15 non-members

Minding Your Memory; 1 p.m.; Free

24 Cholesterol Screening; 10 a.m.; Call for fee information

Create a Candle Stick Centerpiece; 1 p.m.; Activity #8523; Register by March 21; \$16 members, \$22 non-members

All activities are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. For more informa-

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# City Projects U\*P\*D\*A\*T\*E

#### **Recreation and Parks**

Hungerford/Stoneridge

Elwood Smith Community Center • General renovations, accessibility upgrades, and room added • design underway with citizen input • construction in summer

Dawson Farm Park • Adding Ritchie Pkwy. dead-end • includes picnic area, historical marker, and artwork • design in winter/spring • construction in summer/ autumn

#### **Lincoln Park**

**Community Center** • Renovations and adding space • will house computer center and a police substation • construction underway with completion in spring

**Isreal Park Ballfield •** Improvements to ballfield drainage • construction in spring

#### **King Farm**

**King Farm Park/Elementary School** • Park concept plan completed with ballfields, playgrounds, pathways, passive space, and tennis and basketball courts • construction in spring

Potomac Woods/Horizon Hill Millennium Trail • Proposed bikeway along Wootton Pkwy. from Falls Rd. to Glen Mill Rd. • survey and design under-

**Falls Rd.** • Bike trail on Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster Rd. • east side • construction in winter/spring

#### **West End**

**Skate Park At Welsh Park •** ramps, quarter pipes, etc. for in-liners, skateboarders, and bikes • construction in spring

#### **General Projects**

Montrose Community Center • General renovations, accessibility upgrades, and roof replacement • design in spring • construction in fall/winter '00/'01

**Senior Center •** Renovate kitchen and other interior areas in '00

Nature Center • To be located at Civic Center Park near Old Avery Rd. meadow area • design ongoing with citizen taskforce • construction in spring

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{City-Wide Bicycle Route System \bullet First}\\ year construction of paths, lanes, and \end{tabular}$ 

**Revamping,** *continued from pg. 1* standards must be met. This will allow staff the applicant, and affected residen

staff, the applicant, and affected residents to concentrate more on addressing possible impacts from a development.

In all, City staff reviewed, evaluated, reworked, and made recommendations to department heads about 11 different development processes. In addition to making the process more efficient, the revamping will decrease the time for processing applications and improve the effectiveness of the Development Review Committee (DRC).

routes • construction in '00 • detailed design in cooperation with Citizen
Bicycle Action Committee

**Dogwood Park Field •** Lights to be replaced with fixtures that concentrate light on the lower and upper baseball/football field • construction in winter

**Playground Equipment/Fit Trail •** Playground equipment replaced • Woottons Mill Park (adjacent to Aintree Dr.), Glenora Park, and Twinbrook Park

Glenview Mansion Historic Master Plan • Preserving historic integrity of mansion and grounds • in cooperation with Recreation and Park Advisory Board, Cultural Arts Commission, Historic District Commission, docents, and residents

**City Hall Expansion** • Expand office space at 111 Maryland Ave. • study in Fiscal Year (FY) '00, with construction in FY '01-'02

CALL **301-309-3330** FOR MORE INFO

#### **Public Works**

**East Rockville** 

**Horners Lane Water Tank •** Remove tank in spring • work with neighborhoods to determine use of the land

Hungerford/Stoneridge

Cabin John Relief Sewer • Considering options to increase capacity of parts of the old, undersized sanitary sewage pipe running from Town Center through the Hungerford/Stoneridge neighborhood • community input sought • private consultant hired to review

Mt. Vernon Storm Water Management Pond • Located at Mt. Vernon Pl., east of Blandford St. to improve the condition of the Upper Cabin John Creek by modifying the existing pond • will include new wet marsh • start date to be announced • awaiting County School District input

#### Lincoln Park

Ashley Ave. • To improve localized drainage issues on residential lots • must obtain 40 percent resident participation • approximate start in summer

#### West End

**Great Falls Rd.** • Improve safety and appearance from Monument St. to W. Mont-

Because the DRC requires cooperation and coordination from four City Departments as well as the City Attorney's Office, Deputy City Manager Julia Novak has taken on the responsibility of overseeing it.

As a result of this change, the City upgraded the Assistant to the City Manager position, and promoted the incumbent, Michelle Beadle, to Assistant City Manager. In this position, she will take over some of Novak's responsibilities including supervising five positions in the City Manager's office; coordinating and over-

gomery Ave. • design by State Highway underway • right-of-way acquisition in spring

#### **General Projects**

Water Main Relining • Future project located at Great Falls Rd. • improve flow and pressure • approximate start in July • temporary significant impact to streets and driveways

**Avery Rd. Right Turn Lane** • Improve capacity and safety at intersection • install sidewalk/bikeway • approximate start in spring

#### **Street Geometric Improvements •**

Improve safety and appearance of street • upcoming projects include a median on Halpine Rd. and Rothgeb Dr. (reconfiguration) • approximate start in spring

West Gude Dr. Right Turn Lane • Improve capacity and safety at intersection • construction underway, with completion in March

**Asphalt Maintenance** • Approximate start in July, with completion in September • large portion of work will be in the area west of U.S. Interstate 270

**Veirs Dr. Sidewalk •** Improve pedestrian safety and provide sidewalk on north side • start in spring

**Highland Ave.** • Improve street with turn-around, storm drain, and asphalt paving • construction in May

#### **Neighborhood Traffic Control •**

Upcoming speed hump projects pending neighborhood approval: Clagget Dr. and Mt. Vernon Pl. • approximate start in spring

**Street Lighting •** Projects include McCormick Dr. and the Glenora Lane pedestrian path • installing decorative streetlights along South Washington St. within the historic district

#### **Thomas Farm Wastewater Pump Station**

• Will be located at the southeast corner of the development • will connect to the King Farm pump-around system • design stage has begun

CALL **301-309-3220** FOR MORE INFO

seeing the budget process; focusing on organizational development issues; and tracking Mayor and Council initiatives.

"We look forward to and have high expectations for the upcoming changes," said Mayor Rose Krasnow. "Our hope is that developers who work with the City will begin to see significant improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of our processes over the next several months as we begin implementation."

CALL **301-309-3220** FOR MORE INFO

#### **In Brief**

#### Census 2000 is on the Way

Now is the time that you can do something for Rockville. It's easy and can mean so much. It's Census 2000.

By filling out your Census form and mailing it back, you can ensure that your community is counted accurately. Census numbers help determine where roads will go and whether new schools are needed. It also is used to plan for healthcare centers, programs for seniors, and more.

When your form arrives in March, complete it and return it in the mail. Your answers are protected by law.

#### First Walking Town Meeting

Falls Ridge will host the first Walking Town Meeting of 2000 on March 25, from 10 a.m. - noon.

Walking Town Meetings, which take place rain or shine, give neighborhoods an opportunity to point out areas of concern to the Mayor and Council and City staff, as well as points of pride.

The next Walking Town Meeting is slated for April 29 with Rose Hill Falls hosting.

CALL **301-309-3247** FOR MORE INFO

#### **Surveying Notice**

City consultants will begin a surveying project in March in the Cabin John and Watts Branch Watersheds. The project, which will last several months, will include surveying and tree inventory services for City parks in that area.

The work will determine property lines and the location of natural and man-made physical features using aerial and field surveying methods. The project is necessary to update City parks property records and boundary information and will provide a computerized database for future planning and maintenance purposes.

CALL **301-309-3037** FOR MORE INFO

#### Tax Preparation

Rockville and members of the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program will provide free income tax preparation assistance for low-to-moderate income residents who live in the city.

The service is available by appointment only from 7:30-9 p.m., on Tuesdays through April 11, at the Community Services Office, 32 Courthouse Sq. New this year – electronic filing.

CALL 301-309-3183 FOR MORE INFO

• OR •

CALL 301-468-4179 FOR MORE INFO

#### Bridal Expo at Glenview Mansion

Rockville's Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park invites you to its Bridal Expo on Sunday, March 12, from noon-5 p.m.

You'll meet caterers, florists, photographers, beauticians, make-up artists, and disc jockeys. There also will be informal modeling of wedding fashions and chances to win baskets full of goodies, services from businesses attending the expo, and even a fabulous honeymoon.

The cost is \$5 for a pre-paid registration (before March 5) or \$7 at the door.

CALL **301-309-3001** FOR MORE INFO

#### **Gypsy Moths**

Through careful study of gypsy moth populations, Rockville's Forestry Division has determined that gypsy moth activity has been low in the city for the past two years and will continue to be minimal during the upcoming year. As a result, there will be no distribution of burlap or sticky tape and no aerial spraying in 2000.

CALL **301-309-3038** FOR MORE INFO

#### Wine Tasting

The Rockville Sister City Corp. (RSSC) invites you to its eighth annual wine tasting on March 10, from 8-10 p.m., at Glenview Mansion, located at Rockville Civic Center Park. A selection of white wines, cheese, and crackers will be offered. Admission, if paid in advance, is \$10 for RSSC members and \$15 for nonmembers. Admission at the door is \$20.

CALL **301-309-3340** FOR MORE INFO

#### Millennium Quilt

Just a reminder...the deadline for submitting a square for the Rockville Millennium Quilt is March 1. The theme is "Rockville – Our City." Approximately 30 squares will be selected and the remaining ones will be used for crib quilts for "atrisk" babies at the Children's Inn at the National Institute of Health.

CALL **301-309-3340** FOR MORE INFO

#### **Crafters Needed**

Rockville Seniors Inc. is seeking craft persons to consign items at the Rockville Senior Center Gift Shop. All crafts should be new, handmade, and of good quality. The consignment fee is 25 percent of the selling prices, and items are given six months to sell. All proceeds go directly to the Senior Center.

CALL 301-309-3025 FOR MORE INFO

#### Summer Camps

Remember...Rockville Summer Camp registration is ongoing for Rockville residents, and non-resident registration begins on March 2.

Camps begin on June 19 and usually operate for four, two-week sessions.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

#### Spring Recreation Classes

Learn a new skill or just get out to meet people and have fun. Registration for children, teen, and adult spring recreation classes begins March 7 for Rockville residents and March 17 for non-residents. Rockville Recreation Guides are available at City Hall or at the Rockville Library.

CALL **301-309-3340** FOR MORE INFO

#### Off-Leash Testing/ Rabies Clinic

Rockville's Neighborhood Services Division of Animal Control will conduct its Off-Leash Testing on Saturday, March 25, at 10 a.m., in the Middle Lane parking lot.

The division also will participate in a Rabies Clinic on Sunday, March 19, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Montgomery County Animal Shelter, 14645 Rothgeb Dr. The clinic is sponsored by the Montgomery County Division of Animal Control and Humane Treatment.

CALL **301-309-3115** FOR MORE INFO

#### Spring Recreation Fun

Get out and enjoy spring with Rockville's Outdoor Programs. Here's what's planned:

- March 10 Learn the historical significance of Rockville's Pilgrim Church of the Millennium, St. Mary's Chapel. The deadline for registration is March 1, and the cost is \$10 for residents and \$12 non-residents. You must be age 18 or older to attend.
- March 18 Enjoy the spectacular views of the C&O Canal on a 32-mile bike trip. You must register by March 6, and the cost is \$27 for residents and \$31 for non-residents. You must be age 14 or older to participate.
- April 14-16 Learn the game of golf or brush up on your skills during the Women on the Move Learn to Golf Weekend at Berkeley Springs, W.Va. To attend you must be a woman age 30 or older. The registration deadline is March 1. The cost is \$149 for residents and \$170 for nonresidents.

CALL **301-309-3182** FOR MORE INFO

#### **Correction**

In the February Rockville Reports article "Mayor and Council Set Policy Agenda," it was mistakenly reported that the Mayor and Council will award the bid for the new Rockville library and garage. Montgomery County will award the bid for the library. It is hoped that the public parking garage will be funded with Montgomery County, the State of Maryland, the City of Rockville, and private developer funds. The parking spaces in the garage are primarily needed to provide for State and County uses in Town Center.

#### Para Ud.

#### Clases De Ingles Gratis

El Latino Outreach Program of Community Ministries of Rockville, está auspiciando varias clases para el Ciclo de Primavera de este año que se inicia el 9 de Marzo y termina el 15 de Junio.

Se ofrecen clases de Inglés básico I y II, Capacitacíon Profesional I, II, y III (workplace) y lectura y escritura en español para las personas hispanas analfabetas. Las clases se dictarán los Martes y Jueves en Crusader Lutheran Church 1605 Viers Mill Road, y la iglesia Baptista de Twinbrook 1001 Twinbrook Pkwy.

La matrícula está abierta y los interesados pueden llamar al 301-762-8682 ext. 343 y dejar un mensaje.



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tion, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-person or mail-in registration.

#### For Teens

Civiteens 80's Flash Dance; 7:30-10 p.m.; 1000 Forest Glen, Silver Spring; Members only; \$7

Robert Frost
Middle School Teen Club
Dance; 7:30-10 p.m.;
Grade 6; \$3 for Teen Club
members, \$5 for nonmembers

Robert Frost
Middle School Teen Club
Dance; 7:30-10 p.m.;
Grades seven and eight;
\$3 for Teen Club members, \$5 for non-members

West End Dinner Theatre; 11:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m.; Grades six through 12; \$34 for Teen Club members, \$42 for nonmembers (cost includes transportation, buffet, leadership, and admission to the show); Registration deadline, March 3

Robert Frost
Middle School Teen Club
Dance; 7:30-10 p.m.;
Grade six; \$3 for Teen
Club members, \$5 for nonmembers

**26**Civiteen Mount Vernon Trip; 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Members only; \$15

For more information about teen activities or to register for a program, please call 301-309-3345.



#### Bike Tip: Lock Your Bike

When parking your bike outside, lock your frame and both wheels to an immovable object located in a well-traveled, lighted place. Don't lock it to a sign or other object that can be easily unbolted, bent, cut, or removed. Also take all easily removed accessories with you.

When in a parking garage, use the bike parking if it's available. Look for a rack that is in view of the attendent.



#### March **Program** Schedule

#### **REGULAR PROGRAMS Mayor and Council Live**

March 13, 7:30 p.m. **General Session** March 20, 7:30 p.m. **Public Hearing** (tentative) March 27, 7:30 p.m. General Session

#### **Meeting Replays**

Mon. 7:30 p.m. (if no live meeting) Tues. and Sun., 7:30 p.m. Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sat. and Sun., 9 a.m.

#### **City Hall Report**

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

#### **Mayor and Council Review** Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,

6:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.

#### **SPECIALS Mayor and Council**

**Roundtable: New Policy Initiatives** 

Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. Daily, 2 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.

#### Cabin John Sewer Project

(tentative) Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. Daily, 1 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.

#### Caregivers

Daily, 7 p.m. Mon., Wed., and Fri., 11 a.m.

#### **Economic Development** Tues. and Thurs., 11 a.m.

Daily, 11 p.m.



#### **Environmental Tip: Lawn Care**

Although with spring comes thoughts of sprucing up your lawn, it's not the time to fertilize it. Fertilizing should be done in the fall.

Before fertilizing your lawn, you also should have your soil checked. You might not need to do the work.

## **Inside City Hall**

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

#### **Minutes Highlights**

From the Jan. 10 and 24 meetings: The Mayor and Council:

- · Appointed: Geoff Becker, Donna Perry, and Tina McKendree (Human Services Advisory Commission); Irving Shapiro (Personnel Appeals Board); Wilma Bell (Rockville Housing Authority); Stephen Edwards (Recreation and Park Advisory Commission); Allen Gorrelick (Retirement Board); and Robert Turner (Sign Review Board).
- Approved a modification to purchase order #18766 to Waco Inc., of Accokeek, Md., in the amount of \$25,000 in additional funds, for lead removal services at Glenview Mansion.
- Awarded bid #99-121 to Criswell Chevrolet, of Gaithersburg, Md., in the amount of \$37,382, for two model 2000 police package Chevrolet Impala sedans.
- Awarded bid #46-00 to Interstate Corp., of Rockville, Md., in the amount of \$36,800, for roof removal and replacement at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center Annex.
- Awarded bid #49-00 to S. Rock/ Estabrook Corp., of Aldie, Va., in the amount of \$41,400, for sports lights retrofitting and relamping at Dogwood Park and Broome Athletic Field.
- · Awarded contract #9912A647P to Towson University, Center for Geographic Information Sciences, of Towson, Md., in the amount of \$129,650, for geographic information science data conversions.
- Approved an agreement with Eileen McGuckian, of Rockville, Md., for the production of the Millennium Celebration book Rockville: Portrait of a City.
- Reviewed and sponsored a text amendment for nonprofit/religious organizations regarding parking requirements for specific uses.

The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.

#### **Mayor & Council** Calendar

March 13 ...... General Session March 14 ...... Work Session (Budget) March 20 Public Hearing (if needed); Work Session (Mixed Paper Recycling) March 27 ...... General Session

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at

Council meetings are televised live on Rockville Cable 53 (cable-ready 33). Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Tuesdays and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; daily at 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m.

#### **Mayor & Council Drop-In**

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The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall is open during this time. March 13 ...... Anne Robbins March 20 ..... Bob Wright March 27 ...... Bob Dorsey

While Drop-In is on a first-come, firstserved basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

#### **Vacancies**

Cable Communications Advisory Committee (City of Rockville representative to the County committee): The committee assists in the oversight of the franchise agreement and advises the County on use of the cable system and allocation of grants for public service. A knowledge of Montgomery County, communications technology and law, accounting, and business management is desired. Members must file confidential financial disclosure statements annually.

**Cultural Arts Commission (one vacancy):** The commission, which has nine-members, is responsible for encouraging the arts and culture in the city for the benefit of Rockville citizens. It also recommends to the Mayor and Council appropriate programs, activities, and policies for use of City facilities, which will add to the further development of Rockville as a cultural center. Members serve for overlapping, two-year terms.

**Human Rights Commission (four vacan**cies): This 11-member commission provides community mediation to resolve disputes. Members sponsor mediation training workshops on fair housing, affirmative action, cultural diversity, and human rights awareness. Members serve overlapping four-year terms and may participate in mediation training.

**Human Services Advisory Commission** (one vacancy): A nine-member body, this commission provides advice and guidance to the Mayor and Council on human services needs in the city, assists the Mayor and Council in deciding appropriate City roles and priorities concerning human services, and participates in oversight and evaluation to ensure accountability and cost-effectiveness of City and outside providers of human services. The Mayor and Council also may ask it to study specific human service-related problems and complaints that have been brought to their attention. Applicants must be a current or former recipient of human services. **Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission** 

(tenant at-large representative sought): A seven-member body, this commission is comprised of two landlords, two tenants, and three people from the citizenry at large. It provides a forum for adjudicating differences or disputes between landlords and tenants.

Rockville Sister City Corp. (one vacancy): This nonprofit corporation may have an unlimited number of members. and the Mayor and Council appoint

three citizens to the 15-member board. Members help create programs to strengthen existing ties with Pinneberg, Germany; encourage the exchange of ideas between the cities; and recommend to the Mayor and Council steps that can be taken to further facilitate the friendship.

If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form.

#### **Boards & Commissions Calendar**

All meetings are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

March 4, 9:30 a.m.

**Board of Appeals** 

March 6, 4 p.m.

Sign Review Board

March 8, 7 p.m.

**Bicycle Advisory Committee** 

March 8, 7:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission** 

March 8, 7:30 p.m. **Cultural Arts Commission** 

March 14, 7:30 p.m. **Human Services Advisory** Commission, Glenview Mansion

**Dining Room** March 14, 7:30 p.m.

Science, Technology, and **Environment Commission** 

March 15, 6:30 p.m.

Housing Authority, 14 Moore Dr.

March 16, 5 p.m.

**Boards of Supervisors of Elections** 

March 16, 7:30 p.m.

Sister City Corp.

March 21, 1:30 p.m.

Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center

March 21, 7 p.m.

**Historic District Commission** 

March 22, 7:30 p.m.

**Planning Commission** 

March 22, 7:30 p.m.

**Human Rights Commission** 

March 23, 10 a.m.

Senior Commission

March 23, 7 p.m.

Recreation and Park Advisory Board, Lincoln Park Community Center

March 28, 5:30 p.m.

Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission March 28, 7:30 p.m.

**Traffic and Transportation** Commission

#### **March Budget Dates**

March 7 Outside agency recommendations finalized and City Manager makes final decision on proposed budget and capital improvement projects

March 14 Mayor and Council Work Session to review final budget decisions.